

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/18/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 2-8** are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Consider **claim 4**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Osburn et al. (US Patent 5428829)** in view of **Kobayashi (US Patent 6243570)** fail to specifically disclose wherein said digital-analog converter comprises a temperature coefficient setting section constituted by including elements having predetermined temperature coefficients, and wherein a device constant of said temperature coefficient setting section as a whole is changed in accordance with ambient temperature.

Osburn et al. clearly disclose a receiver comprising (figures 3a, 3b): a high frequency receiving circuit (figure 3a, block 86) for which a reception frequency in accordance with a tuning voltage is set (RF tuning voltage); a local oscillator (figure 3a, block 104) for generating a local oscillation signal of a frequency in accordance with a control voltage (VCO tuning voltage); a mixing circuit (mixer 94) for mixing a signal outputted from said high frequency receiving circuit (86) with said local oscillation signal (110); a setting data generating unit (microcomputer 98, column 8 lines 52-62) for outputting setting data corresponding to a predetermined reception frequency; and a digital-analog converter (D/A converter 134) for generating said tuning voltage (figure 3b, output signal 112) corresponding to the setting data outputted from said setting data generating unit, the tuning voltage being changed with a predetermined temperature

coefficient in accordance with ambient temperature (column 8 lines 32-49, the tuning voltage may be changed by the D/A converter 134 or the VCO tuning voltage with the temperature coefficient of the VCO tuning voltage).

Osburn et al. clearly disclose said D/A converter 134 as being a programmable gain multiplier, for multiplying the VCO tuning voltage by a gain factor, said VCO tuning voltage has a temperature coefficient.

In the same field of the endeavor, Kobayashi clearly discloses (figure 4, column 3 lines 39-58) a digital to analog converter that converts a digital signal to an analog signal, said digital signal associates with ambient temperature change, and said analog signal output to RF tuning circuit for adjusting/correcting tuning frequency error due to ambient temperature change.

However, Osburn et al. as modified by Kobayashi only disclose the D/A converter as a transitional element producing tuning voltage for RF/VCO tuning. These teachings clearly differ from the claimed invention; therefore, **claims 2-8** of the present application are considered novel and non-obvious over the prior art and, consequently, are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RuiMeng Hu whose telephone number is 571-270-1105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on 571-272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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